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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 4, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE: FTER BEING NICE TO U.S. FOR NEW YEAR
WEEKEND, PRESS RETURNS TO MORE USUAL TREATMENT. ENSEMBLE

OF ARTICLES PORTRAYS OUTGOING FORD ADMINISTRATION IN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT WITH CARTER GETTING RELATIVELY GOOD COVERAGE.

--PRAVDA AND KZ PRINT ASS WASHINGTON STORY OF FORD INTERVIEW WITH TIME IN WHICH PRESIDENT DEFENDS HIS RECORD. TASS NOTES UNFAVORABLY FORD ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO INCREASE DEFENSE EXPENDITURE WHILE NOTING THAT CARTER SUPPORTED REDUCTIONS IN CAMPAIGN. FORD ALSO TAKES KNOWCKS FOR STINGY SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS AND VETOS OF CONGRESSIONALLY VOTED SOCIAL MEASURES.

--NOVOYE VREMYA EDITORIAL JAN 1 MENTIONS GREAT IMPORTANCE OF SALT TO DETENTE AND CARTER'S RECENT DECLARATION THAT HE WOULD ACTIVELY ATTEMPT TO REACH NEW SALT AGREEMENT BY OCTOBER " ON THE BASIS OF KNOWN VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS."

--KZ REPORTS YEAR-END DEFENSE CONTRACTS AS NEW YEAR GIFTS BY PENTALQON TO MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, WHILE SEPARATE ARTICLE DETAILS ARMED FORCES EFFORTS TO "BRAINWASH" AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WITH FILM AND MEETINGS ON SOVIET MILITARY THREAT AND SIMILAR TOPICS.

--PRAVDA CONTRIBUTES TO DARK IMAGE OF U.S. WITH STORY ON PLIGHT OF AMERICAN UNEMPLOYED.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--COMMENTARY ON TRILATERALISM BY PRAVDA GEORGIY RATIANI PAINTS IT AS CLEVER DEVICE TO MAINTAIN U.S. LEADERSHIP OF FREE WORLD, BY PERFECTING FOREIGN POLICY COORDINATION DESPITE PROFOUND TENSIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS IN U.S. JYWE#JAPAN TRIANGLE, IN CONDITIONS OF DEEPENING CAPITALIST CRISIS. HE NOTES IDEA OF COORDINATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIS-A-VIS "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND ALLUDES TO HOLY ALLIANCE IN RESURRECTING SCHMIDT'S WARNING TO ITALIANS, BUT WITHOUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS. CONCLUSION--THAT "CLUB OF STRONG" IDEA IS SIGN OF WEAKENING OF CAPITALIST SYSTEM--IS PROBABLY MEANT TO BE CONSOLING.

--ON WARSAW PACT, LONG PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK TOUTING HIS OWN FOREIGN POLICY CALLS FOR "CONTINUAL" STRENGTHENING OF WP ROLE IN DETENTE "ON BASIS OF DEEPENING COOPERATION, EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF MEMBER-STATES' ACTIVITIES IN AREA OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," AND SAYS "DECISIONS" OF BUCHAREST POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING "SHOWED THE WAY" TO ACHIEVEMENT OF NOBLE CSCE GOALS AT BELGRADE.

BEANOVOYE VEREMYA LEAD EDITORIAL JAN 1 GIVES FIRST PLACE TO NUCLEAR NON-FIRST USE (NNFU) AMONG SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS; MBFR MENTIONED BUT NOT LINKED. PRAVDA ARTICLE QUOTES "INFLUENTIAL" AMERICAN TRADE UNION PAPER "DISPATCHER" ON IMPORTANCE OF NNFU TO DETENTE, GIVING IT EQUAL BILLING WITH SALT.

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--PRAVDA FRONT PAGE REPORT OF PORTUGAL CP LEADER CUNHAL'S CALL FOR UNITY OF ALL DEMOCRATIC AND ANTI-FASCIST FORCES REPLAYS THEME THAT HAS RECEIVED HEAVY EMPHASIS RECENTLY IN SOVIET PRESS. CUNHAL IS BACKED UP BY REGULAR IBERIAN COMMENTATOR, NIKOLAY MIROSHNIK, IN COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN WHO MAKES SAME PITCH AND CRITIQUES VGP FOR "SERIES OF STEPS" AGAINST INTERESTS OF WORKERS WHICH THUS SPLIT LEFT.

--FIRST MENTION OF MURDER OF FRENCH GAULLIST JEAN DE BROGLIE IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPEAT "OFFICIAL POLICE" VERSION BUT CARRY REFERENCES TO FRENCH PRESS ACCOUNTS WHICH SUGGEST THAT POLITICAL MOTIVES RATHER THAN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN BUSINESS DEALINGS MAY BE INVOLVED.

--CENTRAL PRESS DROPS "FREE CARVULLO AND OTHERS" CAMPAIGN (PRAVDA AND KZ RECORD RELEASE) AND TAKES UP CALL FOR "GENERAL AMNESTY" FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SPAIN.

--TASS BONN STORY ON CONTINUED JOB DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FRG COMMUNISTS CARRIED IN PRAVDA.

--KZ AND PRAMDA CARFY SEEMINGLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD REPORTS ON LEBANESE CENSORSHIP DECREE.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS CAIRO ARTICLE ON EGYPTIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE WHICH CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES SPOKE OUT FOR "NORMALIZATION" N SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.

--WEEKLY NOVOYE VREMYA (JAN 1) HASSINTERVIEW WITH LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVE ASH-SHA'IR WHO ADMITS LEBANESE EVENTS WERE A "SERIBUS AND ARDUOUS TRIAL" FOR PALESTINIANS, BUT STAUNCHLY MAINTAINS THAT PLO AND PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE EMERGED FROM THIS TRIAL TEMPERED AND STRENGTHENED. ASH-SHA'IR CLAIMS THAT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORTS PLO AS 'SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.' HE LAUDS RECENT

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TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND TO CREATE OWN GOVERNMENT AND HE LABELS AS "IMPORTANT" UNGA RESOLUTION DEMANDING CONVOCAION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PLO REPRESENTATION AS AN "EQUAL PARTICIPANT IN NEGOTIATIONS."

--PRAVDA HAS TASS MAPUTO ARTICLE VERY CRITICAL OF GENEVA CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN RICHARD'S MEETINGS WITH SMITH AND VORSTER. ARTICLE SAYS THE "SENSE" OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN--"EVEN IN ITS RENOVATED FORM"--IS TO CREATE A PUPPET REGIME IN RHODESIA AND THUS MAINTAIN IMPERIALIST

MASTERY. PRAVDA ARTICLE IS FOLLOWED BY V. KOROVIKOV
PIECE CRIZICIZING AS "ROUNDAABOUT MANEUVER," CREATION OF
"NEW POLITICAL PARTY" IN RHODESIA BY "PUPPETS" CHIRAU
AND NDIVENI (BOTH PHONETIC).

--PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT V. RAZUVAEV WRITES
FROM PYONGYONG ON RECENT TRIALS IN SEOUL OF PEOPLE
ACCUSED OF VIOLATING "ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW." SEOUL
AUTHORITIES TRY TO JUSTIFY TERM AND REPRESSION, SAYS
AUTHOR, BY REFERENCE TO "MYTHICAL" "THREAT FROM NORTH"
AND "COMMUNIST DNTRIGUES."

--IZVESTIYA NOTES GROMYKO EXCHANGE OD CNBLES
WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FONMIN DONALDSON ON LATTER'S
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